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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Cy:

We have both received a memorandum from
Dr. McMillan detailing his proposal for moderniza-
tion of the existing CIA/SAC U-2 pool and post-
ponement of additional U-2 procurement. Using
attrition rates experienced thus far, it would
appear that the total U-2 fleet would drop to
approximately half of its present strength before
new aircraft ordered a year from now would be
available, and that the total number would never
reach the minimum acceptable [   ] recommended
by Generals Ledford and Geary, if the older aircraft
are retired as they propose.

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I do not wish to prejudge this proposal, but
do believe that it deserves our careful considera-
tion in the Executive Committee before implementa-
tion, since I anticipate a continuing and perhaps
increasing need for U-2 reconnaissance coverage
round the world.

Sincerely,

[(signed) W. F. Raborn]

W. F. Raborn
Director

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October 1965 - Study on behalf of the DCI [   ] performed   **25X1**
research and analysis) to discover whether our strategic estimates in
the past have been accurate, how accurate, evaluation of our estimating
accuracy. Study assigned to Wheelon.

Clinical analysis of past performance by [   ] general conclusion **25X1**
from over-all strategic power point of view that the forecasts have
b een amazingly accurate.

Internal CIA Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Working Group [   ] (met Sept/Oct 1965 25X1

Intelligence Collection Requirements Study Group (Nov 1965) (Inter-DDS&T)